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Akira KARASUDANI, et al.

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Sir:

This is in response to the Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt, mailed March 6, 2002. An Amendment was filed on February 8, 2002 amending the specification to state that this application is a continuing application under 35 USC §111(a), based upon International Application PCT/JP99/04711, filed August 31, 1999. Enclosed is a copy of the Amendment and the date-stamped postcard. A PCT application designating the United States is not deemed a foreign application, but rather has the effect of a national application regularly filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in accordance with 35 USC 363. The claim of parent benefit thereto, on behalf of the present application, is expressly authorized by 35 USC 120.

In view of the foregoing, a Corrected Filing Receipt should be issued.

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

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Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

– This application is a continuing application filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), based upon International Application PCT/JP99/04711, filed August 31, 1999.--

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to the specification is presented to perfect priority.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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